

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 783

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A RESOLUTION to commend Senator Bill Ketron for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the Senate.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this body should honor those fellow legislators who have performed their duties with the utmost integrity and whose efforts during their time in office have been dedicated to providing thoughtful and exemplary service to their district and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Senator Bill Ketron of Murfreesboro is one such distinguished public servant, who has served both his constituency and this legislative body with honor and ability; and

WHEREAS, Bill Ketron has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of Senate District 13, representing Lincoln, Marshall, Maury, and Rutherford counties as a member of the 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, and 107th General Assemblies and Rutherford County as a member of the 108th, 109th, and 110th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, Bill Ketron earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science and History from Middle Tennessee State University in 1976; he is a certified professional insurance agent and the president of Universal International Insurance of Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, Senator Ketron is a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of Rutherford County, having served with distinction as a member of the Rutherford County Commission (1990-1998), of which he was the chairman of the Health and Education Committee, Budget Committee, Public Works Committee, and Public Safety Committee; co-founder of the Middle Tennessee State University Blue Raider Athletic Association; president of

the Rutherford Volunteer Fire Department (1998-present); board member of the Rutherford County Convention and Visitors Bureau; member of the Bradley Academy Board of Directors; and alumnus of Leadership Rutherford; and

WHEREAS, he has served as the state president of the Professional Insurance Agents of Tennessee (1992-1993), president of the National Exchange Club (1995-1996), and national president of the Foundation for the Prevention of Child Abuse (2001-present) and is an Eagle Scout, a Mason, and a Shriner; and

WHEREAS, as an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process during his time in the General Assembly, Senator Bill Ketron has rendered sterling service as a member of the Senate Government Operations Committee, the Senate Education Committee, the Joint Workers Compensation Committee, the Joint Select Oversight Committee on Corrections, the Joint Lottery Oversight Committee, the Senate Environment, Conservation and Tourism Committee, the Joint Long-Term Care Oversight Committee, the Senate Ethics Committee, the Senate Commerce, Labor and Agriculture Committee, the Senate Transportation and Safety Committee, the Senate Finance, Ways and Means Committee, the Senate State and Local Government Committee, the Joint Fiscal Review Contract Services Subcommittee, the Joint Fiscal Review Committee, and the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee; and

WHEREAS, Senator Ketron has also served with distinction as floor leader of the Senate Republican Caucus during the 104th and 105th General Assemblies, deputy speaker during the 106th General Assembly, Republican Caucus chairman during the 107th, 108th, 109th, and 110th General Assemblies, secretary of the Senate State and Local Government Committee, chair of the Joint Fiscal Review Contract Services Subcommittee, chair of the Senate State and Local Government Committee, chair of the Joint Fiscal Review Committee, vice chair of the Joint Fiscal Review Committee, and 1st vice chair of the Senate Ethics Committee; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Senator Ketron has been honored with the 2016 Legislator of the Year award by the Tennessee Development Districts Association, 2014 Legislator of the Year Award by the United States Humane Society, Legislator of the Year Award by the Greater Nashville Regional Council, National Security Eagle

Award by ACT for America, Animal Advocacy Award by Tennessee Voters for Animal Protection, Outstanding Service Award by Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police, Outstanding Service Award by Tennessee Sheriffs Association, Legislator of the Year award by South Central Development District, Legislator of the Year award by the Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association, 2008 and 2009 Good Green Deed Award by the Tennessee Conservation Voters, Legislator of the Year award by Tennessee Association of Assessing Officers, Legislator of the Year award by Tennessee Community Organizations (TNCO), Silver Beaver Award by the Boy Scouts of America, and Long Rifle Award by the Boy Scouts of America; he has been named a Friend of Business by the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, Advocate of the Year by the American Heart Association, and a Distinguished Alumni by Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Senator Ketron is a family man, businessman, and civic leader, and he has proven that citizens can make a difference through being involved in community service and leading by example; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Senator Bill Ketron is perhaps most grateful for the love of his wife, Theresa, and daughter, Kelsey; and

WHEREAS, throughout his outstanding career as a public servant, Bill Ketron has worked tirelessly on behalf of his constituents, bringing to his office an honorable bearing and the traditional values of hard work and common sense; and

WHEREAS, Senator Bill Ketron is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized for his exemplary tenure in this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Senator Bill Ketron for his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the Senate, commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of Lincoln, Marshall, Maury, and Rutherford counties, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.